

My name is Vincent Walkup and I've been involved with the childhood program. I am new to this program and I am looking for a way to balance a new born child along with my two step children, this is a very informative program. I voluntarily put myself into these classes to improve my family relationships. I would like to see this program continue so I may continue learning ways to improve my family dynamic.

Thank You,  
V. Walkup  
Vincent Walkup

TO: Whom It May Concern 02/2015  
@Appropriations Com.

Please do not cut the funding  
for the Fathers' Initiative (NFI).  
My name is RANDALL DE ROSA  
and I reside in Norwich, CT.

  
Thank - you

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Felix A. Lopez-Velasco

2-26-15

Hello my name is Felix A. Lopez, I would like to ask to reinstate the funding for the Johns Hopkins Fatherhood

I'm a proud father and grand father of 4. At one point I needed help and got help from a program similar to this back in 1993, and with the help like this I obtain lots of help. They got me the custody of my son Felix Lopez and Magalie Lopez. They are growing up, one in college the other will be assisting in the summer. With the help of a program like this help me focused on how to voice and be a better father, my son is also involved in this program which is helping him with lots of skills and teaching him how to communicate with his daughter and becoming a better father. Your program not only will help him, but will help a lot of fathers that need help, and have no other programs that will help them, me as Felix A. Lopez's son was able to spend every birthday with my kids, I also would like my kids to spend every birthday with their kids, not only that I would like

My name is Anthony I am a first time dad  
this program is very good for people. I have  
learn a lot here. They helped me in so many ways.  
They tot me how to speak better to my son  
and teached me how to talk to my son with out  
getting mad or upset I use all the things I  
learn from the program how I can rease my  
son better an commuinicate with him better  
to an to be a better dad. I am still learning  
a lote in the class and it is very help full to me  
to be a better person for me an a better  
person and dad. If u can dont get ride of  
the program it is good for all dad's an first  
time dad's to. I learn how to commuinicate  
better an have a better relashiamship better  
with my son I learn to lison to him.

**From:** [Jason Shell](#)

**Sent:** 2/26/2015 6:41 PM

**To:** [Scott Swartz](#)

**Subject:** Support for Continuance of Madonna Place including the implementation of the Fatherhood program

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Shell, I am submitting this letter in strong support for the continuance of this great Fatherhood Program through Madonna Place. It LITERALLY helped save my family life and my relationship with my lovely girlfriend. We have a beautiful 21 month year old son and God willing may be blessed with more in the future. The tools and experienced advice, along with the comraderie and bonding among even strangers showed me how effective this program is because we all benefited no matter what our situation or walk of life. I'm a changed man, a better man, and so were my fellow peers. In this deteriorating society plagued with domestic problems, we need these programs to help all Fathers stay on track and keep their children on track and show that much deserved love and respect to those hard working Mothers. Our children are our Future, and the numbers don't lie, children are more likely to stay out of trouble and out of jail and be successful when they have Strong Supportive Fathers in their life, so these programs need to continue. I currently drive school bus, so I pick up children every day. Now I fully see how if that troubled soul in Newtown Connecticut had a father figure in his life, maybe that tragedy could have been prevented. So I implore to whom ever it may concern, to do whatever it takes to keep these programs going, because regardless of any cost involved, the reward of happy loving families in our communities is PRICELESS. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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2/29/15

My name is Josue Zapata. I'm a father of two kids. I was trouble lost with no good guiding. Since I started the Fatherhood Program I have learn, share good skill that I could share with my big son. I learn that pasion its a key to progress as fathers. I also learn to express my good & bad feeling for a better structure of the famely. I'm a Proud father an all thank TO The Modoma Fatherhood Program.

Please we need Teachers  
To teach Good Parenting Guiding  
For father of the future  
Please funde this Program

AT.

Josue Zapata

To whom it may concern,

My name is Benjamin Szczerbicki; I reside in Norwich, CT. I am asking that the funding to Fatherhood Initiative from DCF, DSS, and OEC not ~~to~~ be cut.

I do not have children of my own. I do have over a year sober due to the rooms of AA and the rehab Lebanon Pines. I have seen many people in AA become productive/tax paying members of society.

I have seen people get their children back from DCF custody and raise them with the love and nurture that children need and deserve.

People do turn their lives around. I have, the people that are my new friends have. The process would be far more difficult without state aid.

These programs do matter, they change people and lives.

Please continue to support these people that seek change,



2/26/15

To whom it may concern,  
My name is Michael Frose  
and it greatly concerns me that  
funding for the Fatherhood Initiative  
through DCF - DSS - OEC is being  
cut. As a father and concerned  
member of society and the state of  
Connecticut, Please think about the  
repercussions of this decision, in all  
aspects. (Crime, jobs, counseling, parenting,  
education).

Sincerely

Michael Frose

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Hello, my name is Rory Harrigan. I just started at the National Fatherhood Initiative. All I can ask is can you not cut the funding from DCF, DSS, and OEC. This program and others help people in day to day life. I am from New London, CT, and from going to these meetings it helps fathers of my community overcome with whatever they are struggling with.

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Don't cut N.F.I

To whom it may concern my name is Robert Sanglois  
I'm asking you to not cut the fatherhood Initiative  
it is a great thing an helps fatheris alot. I personally  
have a son an think this group I attend is great  
Ive only been going for 3 weeks an I've learned alot  
from it. I belive it helps fathers all over.

Thank you

Robert Sanglois

To whom it may concern,

I Jarrod S. Bickel that lives in Norwich, CT, am asking you to please not cut the funding for the National Fatherhood Initiative funded by DCF, DSS, and OEC.

Thank you,

Jarrod Bickel  
02/26/15

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MY NAME IS Tom ZAKAS I LIV IN NORWICH CT  
I hope you don't cut out the father Initiative  
Program it is of GREAT help to so many  
fathers who don't understand a lot of issues  
this program provides

THOMAS ZAKAS

Thomas Zakas

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DCF, DSS, DEC

I'm writing you to ask you to not cut the Funding for the NFI program. My name is Robert Henson and I work with the Madonna Place in my father Hood situation. Thank you for your time.

Robert A. Henson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. Henson", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.